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ABSTRACT

This book discusses issues central to the character of the Catholic, Jesuit university. The initial chapters consider the Catholic university in general, with subsequent chapters narrowing to issues related to Jesuit institutions in particular and their two "signs of contradiction"-their commitment to open, free discussion and academic pluralism and their commitment to the promotion of justice. Later chapters focus on philosophy and theology, through which, the author believes, Jesuit (and Catholic) institutions can fulfill their promise. In the first part of the book, titled "Crisis, Choice, and the Catholic University," chapter titles are: "The Catholic University and the Promise Inherent in Its Identity," "The Church and Its Responsibility to Foster Knowledge," and "A Conversation with a Friend." The next two chapters, subsumed under the title "The Universities of the Society," are: "Ignatius' Understanding of the Jesuit University" and "Humanism and Jesuit Theology." Chapters in Part 3, "Contemporary Signs of Contradiction" are: "The Search for a New Humanism: The University and the Concern for Justice" and "The Catholic University as a Pluralistic Forum." Chapters in the final section, "Towards the Love of Wisdom" are: "Philosophic Grammar and Other Disciplines" and "Wisdom, Religion, and the Liberal Arts: Towards the Construction of Theology." (Contains approximately 350 references.) (CH)

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